



HOWARD COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL
Wednesday, November 16, 2016

The Citizens' Advisory Council meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m. at the Northern District Community Room at Police Headquarters.

Present: Larry Aaronson, Thomas C. Beach III, Sandy Cederbaum, Lesley Flaim, Andrew Hall, Sr, Eileen Harrity, Adia Moore, Barb Mueller, Peter Newman, Stephen Pidliskey, Timothy Pierce, Dr. Lewis Saunders, Susan Watkins, Gary Weinberg, Camella Williams, Chief Gary Gardner and Lieutenant Tanya Riffle. **Guest:** Major Ellsworth Jones and Ms. Debbie Costly.

Absent/Excused: Janet Bahouth, Vivian Bailey, William Brockett, Larry Buehler, Johnny Cipolla, Brittany Gegor, Kimberly Harrity, Linda Lee Hickerson, Raghid Shourbaji, and Nollie Wood, Jr.

Chairperson – Ms. Lesley Flaim

- Opened the meeting and reminded the Council that the meeting was being recorded.
- **New Members** – Welcomed Ms. Adia Moore and Mr. Thomas Beach as new members of the CAC.
- **Guest** – Introduced Ms. Debbie Costly.
- Minutes were approved as distributed.

Chief's Report – Chief Gray Gardner

- **Community Event** – Chief Gardner thanked everyone who volunteered to help with the community event on Saturday, November 12th.
- **Active Shooter Exercise** – Is planned for January.
- **Customer Service Training** – We have arranged for Mr. Gordon Graham to give customer service training to both the officers and civilians starting at the end of this month.
- **5 Year Strategic Plan** – It is just about complete. It should be out and ready for review in December.
- **3rd District Station** – The land acquisition has been finalized and the plan is complete. We have a meeting with the County Executive on Friday to present our overall plan.
- **Coffee With A Cop** – The next event will be on Thursday, December 1st at the Double T Diner.
- **DUI Checkpoint** – Will be on Friday, December 2nd.
- **Retirements** – PFC Jerry Price, a detective in CIB retired at the end of the October. Mr. Calvin Jerry, a civilian who worked in the Records Section will retire at end of the week. Lt. Derek Johnson will also be retiring at the end of the month.

Body Worn Camera Committee Update – Major Ellsworth Jones

In April the Body Worn Camera Committee was started. There are 19 members on this work group that meet monthly. The committee is divided into four sub-committees: RFQ Sub-Committee, Operational Implementation Sub-Committee, Policy and Training Sub-Committee and Internal Logistics Sub-Committee. So far the committee has:

- Visited different agencies in the area that have body worn cameras.
- Met with several different vendors.
 - The plan is to narrow it down to three vendors and have the same 7-15 officers do a test period for each vendor.



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- Once policy is set up and one vendor is selected then the pilot program will begin. The plan is to start the pilot program in the spring.
- The average cost to get the program up and running is \$70 - \$90 per officer, per month. For HCPD this will be \$300,000 - \$500,000. This includes the cameras and storage of data. This does not include the staff needed to handle the Freedom of Information Act requests and the redaction portion that goes along with that.

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➤ ***New Business***

- ***CAC Table Drape & Brochures*** – Ms. Flaim thanked Mr. Timothy Pierce and Chief Gardner's Office for their efforts with these projects. These items will be great tools that the CAC can use at community events.
- ***December Meeting*** – The Council decided to continue the tradition for the December meetings by having a brief meeting next month followed by a holiday pot luck party.
- ***Service Awards*** – One of the items for next month's meeting is the introduction of service awards to recognize years of service of Council members.
- ***CAC 25th Anniversary*** – Will be next year in October. The plan is to form a committee to organize a celebration event.
- ***Membership Requirements*** - Ms. Flaim reminded everyone of the membership requirements.
 - Participation in the Citizen's Police Academy
 - Participation at DUI Checkpoints
 - Participation in Ride Alongs
 - Attend Meetings Regularly

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Northern District Community Room at Police Headquarters.

Approved: LF